

"We found no water whatever coming from the Kellow River, though in many places the country are still submerged; in other places the farmers had been busy before, and when the water came down recently, before even the branch was dried they had been able to plant their corn. In a great many places, however, it was impossible, the land being so much water-logged. In the morning, when the little boats were in the different places we passed through, they sat at little complaint. Trade reviving and the branch closed, everyone's hope seemed that now their troubles were almost over. Though we had taken some money with us to meet the most urgent cases, we had no occasion to use it in desperate cases excepting under our notice."

"We saw much distress, but it was so general we felt we dare not begin to distribute it, but to the comparatively small amount on our disposal. The reason we found so little really urgent distress in the whole of the district was that the poorest have all gone to the workhouses and other places, and this last month

Weather 0
 Rain-fall 1.15
 Hongkong Observatory, March 26, 1889.

